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BUILDING STATISTICS - TASMANIA, MARCH QUARTER, 1959.

The Deputy Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. H. G. Houstain) has made available the following particulars of Building Statistics for the quarter ended 31st March, 1959. More extensive comparative data for preceding periods are given in the statements issued for the June Quarter in each year.

A statement of definitions of terms used will be found on page 6.

1. NEW HOUSES COMPLETED: During the quarter ended 31st March, 1959, 611 new houses were completed (compared with 564 in December quarter, 1958 and 576 in September quarter, 1958). The 611 houses completed during March quarter, 1959 comprised 57 solid brick, concrete etc; 99 veneers (brick, concrete, etc.); 434 wood; and 21 fibro-cement.

Completions in March quarter in preceding years were: 1956 - 704; 1957 - 529; and 1958 - 605.

2. NEW HOUSES COMMENCED: The number of new houses commenced during March quarter, 1959 was 630, an increase of 46 compared with December quarter, 1958.
3. NEW HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The number of new houses under construction at 31st March, 1959 was 2,091, an increase of 19 compared with the 31st December, 1958 figure of 2,072. Corresponding figures as at the 31st March in previous years are as follows: - 1956 - 2,364; 1957 - 2,068; 1958 - 1,942.

The houses under construction at the 31st March, 1959 comprised: solid brick, concrete, etc. 396 (18.9 per cent); veneers (brick, concrete, etc.) 294 (14.1 per cent); wood 1,316 (62.9 per cent); and fibro-cement, 85 (4.1 per cent).

4. NEW BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN HOUSES): The value of new buildings (other than houses) completed during March quarter, 1959 was £1,105,000 compared with £1,500,000 in December quarter, 1958 and £1,390,000 in September quarter, 1958. Twenty new factories valued at £203,000 were completed during the quarter.

During March quarter, 1959 the value of new buildings (other than houses), commenced was £1,372,000 compared with £1,529,000 in December quarter, 1958 and £1,467,000 in September quarter, 1958.

5. VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS: The value of all buildings, including houses, completed in Tasmania during March quarter, 1959 was £2,922,000, a decrease of £235,000 compared with December quarter, 1958 and an increase of £207,000 compared with March quarter, 1958. New houses valued at £1,817,000 comprised 62.2 per cent of the total value of completions.

The value of all new buildings commenced during March quarter, 1959 was £3,236,000, a decrease of £80,000 compared with December quarter, 1958 but £28,000 more than in March quarter, 1958.

The value of new buildings under construction at 31st March, 1959 was £12,992,000 compared with £11,922,000 in March, 1958 and £11,099,000 in March, 1957.

6. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS: The value of work done on new buildings during March quarter, 1959 was £3,259,000, compared with £3,397,000 in December quarter, 1958 and £3,058,000 in March quarter, 1958. Of the March quarter, 1959 total, £1,723,000 or 52.9 per cent represented work done in respect of houses. Hobart and Suburbs accounted for £1,404,000 or 43.1 per cent of the total value, Launceston and Suburbs for £531,000 or 16.3 per cent and the rest of the State for £1,324,000 or 40.6 per cent.

7. PERSONS WORKING ON NEW BUILDINGS: (See Note 5 on page 6). There were 5,722 persons including 1,504 working principals engaged on the construction of new buildings at 31st March, 1959. Of these, 2,769 were carpenters by trade, 428 bricklayers and 1,016 builders' labourers.

Of the 5,722 persons engaged at 31st March, 1959, 4,534 were working on private contract jobs, 690 on owner-built jobs and 498 on Government Day Labour projects. The returns indicated that 2,723 were working on new houses, 163 on new flats, 1,611 on other new buildings, 329 on alterations and additions to houses, 32 on alterations and additions (including conversions) to flats, 523 on alterations and additions to other buildings and 341 on repair and maintenance work.

1. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS - TASMANIA - MARCH QUARTER, 1959

| Kind of Building and Construction Agency | Commenced during March quarter, 1959 | | Completed during March quarter, 1959 | | Under Construc- tions at 31st March, 1959 | | Value of Work done during March Qtr. 1959 |
|--|--|--------------|--|--------------|---|--------------|--|
| | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | No. of Bldgs. | Value (a) | |
| 1. Houses: | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 239 | 784 | 212 | 675 | 408 | 1,546 | 750 |
| On Gov't. Account | 111 | 311 | 51 | 152 | 180 | 534 | 204 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | 57 | 169 | 45 | 145 | 94 | 263 | 181 |
| (iii) Owner Builders: | 223 | 600 | 303 | 845 | 1,409 | 3,963 | 588 |
| Total Houses: | 630 | 1,864 | 611 | 1,817 | 2,091 | 6,306 | 1,723 |
| 2. Flats (b): | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 19 | 25 | 19 | 42 | 61 | 121 | 65 |
| On Gov't. Account | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 102 | 370 | 18 |
| 3. Shops: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 16 | 79 | 17 | 113 | 29 | 153 | 92 |
| 4. Hotels, Guest Houses: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 2 | 73 | 4 | 63 | 5 | 147 | 60 |
| 5. Office Premises: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 3 | 21 | 5 | 40 | 9 | 409 | 67 |
| On Gov't. Account | - | - | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | | | | | 1 | 45 | 13 |
| 6. Other Business Premises: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 22 | 322 | 14 | 76 | 24 | 515 | 94 |
| On Gov't. Account | 2 | 119 | 8 | 19 | 5 | 181 | 44 |
| 7. Factories: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 13 | 153 | 20 | 203 | 18 | 455 | 193 |
| On Gov't. Account | 1 | 32 | | | 3 | 91 | 19 |
| 8. Clubs, Halls, Theatres: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 5 | 46 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 75 | 13 |
| On Gov't. Account | 1 | 6 | | | 2 | 20 | 6 |
| 9. Educational Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 2 | 25 | 3 | 144 | 8 | 289 | 104 |
| On Gov't. Account | 17 | 294 | 13 | 161 | 29 | 1,481 | 317 |
| 10. Religious Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 1 | 5 | 4 | 26 | 8 | 46 | 19 |
| 11. Health Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | - | - | 1 | 46 | 4 | 78 | 25 |
| On Gov't. Account | 1 | 21 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 1,358 | 172 |
| 12. Other New Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 20 | 56 | 22 | 110 | 25 | 288 | 118 |
| On Gov't. Account | 12 | 30 | 7 | 28 | 28 | 454 | 71 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | 5 | 58 | | | 11 | 110 | 26 |
| Total Other New Buildings: | 144 | 1,372 | 142 | 1,105 | 388 | 6,686 | 1,536 |
| All New Buildings: | | | | | | | |
| (i) Private Contractors: | | | | | | | |
| On Private Account | 342 | 1,589 | 322 | 1,540 | 609 | 4,122 | 1,600 |
| On Gov't. Account | 147 | 820 | 83 | 392 | 355 | 4,489 | 851 |
| (ii) Gov't. Day Labour: | 62 | 227 | 45 | 145 | 106 | 418 | 220 |
| (iii) Owner Builders: | 223 | 600 | 303 | 845 | 1,409 | 3,963 | 588 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 774 | 3,236 | 753 | 2,922 | 2,479 | 12,992 | 3,225 |

(a) When completed, excluding cost of land on which building is erected.

(b) Number indicates number of individual flats provided as new dwellings.

2. SUMMARY: NEW HOUSES - BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND
CONSTRUCTION, MARCH QUARTER, 1959.

| Municipality | Building Per- mits issued During Quarter | | Commenced During Quarter | | Completed During Quarter | | Under Construc- tion at end of Quarter | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) |
| | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 |
| Hobart, City | 41 | 131 | 48 | 171 | 44 | 169 | 211 | 872 |
| Hobart, Suburbs: | | | | | | | | |
| Clarence (b) | 64 | 195 | 43 | 145 | 40 | 138 | 168 | 585 |
| Glenorchy | 90 | 294 | 100 | 327 | 105 | 346 | 352 | 1,152 |
| Kingborough (b) | 13 | 46 | 15 | 53 | 12 | 40 | 47 | 156 |
| Total Suburbs: | 167 | 535 | 158 | 525 | 157 | 524 | 567 | 1,893 |
| Total Hobart and Suburbs: | 208 | 666 | 206 | 696 | 201 | 693 | 778 | 2,765 |
| Launceston, City | 36 | 131 | 70 | 222 | 72 | 235 | 147 | 486 |
| Launceston, Suburbs: | | | | | | | | |
| Beaconsfield (b) | 13 | 43 | 11 | 37 | 11 | 32 | 42 | 139 |
| Lilydale (b) | 27 | 74 | 21 | 50 | 5 | 15 | 36 | 91 |
| St. Leonards (b) | 37 | 120 | 24 | 72 | 29 | 80 | 109 | 340 |
| Westbury (b) | 9 | 25 | 8 | 19 | 6 | 17 | 17 | 45 |
| Total Suburbs: | 86 | 262 | 64 | 178 | 51 | 144 | 204 | 615 |
| Total Launceston and Suburbs: | 122 | 393 | 134 | 400 | 123 | 379 | 351 | 1,101 |
| All Other Municipalities: | 266 | 727 | 290 | 768 | 287 | 745 | 962 | 2,440 |
| Total Tasmania: - | | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter, 1959 | 596 | 1,786 | 630 | 1,864 | 611 | 1,817 | 2,091 | 6,306 |
| December Quarter, 1958 | 587 | 1,698 | 584 | 1,787 | 564 | 1,657 | 2,072 | 6,247 |
| September Quarter, 1958 | 674 | 2,015 | 679 | 2,072 | 576 | 1,676 | 2,052 | 6,106 |
| June Quarter, 1958 | 615 | 1,788 | 628 | 1,879 | 621 | 1,938 | 1,949 | 5,692 |
| March Quarter, 1958 | 590 | 1,759 | 556 | 1,684 | 605 | 1,842 | 1,942 | 5,832 |

(a) Value when completed.

(b) Suburban area only of this Municipality.

3. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES CLASSIFIED IN
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, MARCH QUARTER, 1959.

(Including Owner-built Houses)

| Statistical Divisions and Local Government Areas | Building Per- mits issued during Quarter | | Commenced during Quarter | | Completed during Quarter | | Under Construc- tion at end of Quarter | |
|--|--|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) | No. | Value (a) |
| URBAN DIVISION | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 |
| Hobart City | 41 | 131 | 48 | 171 | 44 | 169 | 211 | 87 |
| " Suburbs | 167 | 535 | 158 | 525 | 157 | 524 | 567 | 1,89 |
| Launceston City | 36 | 131 | 70 | 222 | 72 | 235 | 147 | 48 |
| " Suburbs | 86 | 262 | 64 | 178 | 51 | 144 | 204 | 67 |
| Total Urban Division: | 330 | 1,059 | 340 | 1,096 | 324 | 1,072 | 1,129 | 3,86 |
| NORTH WESTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Burnie | 40 | 120 | 27 | 77 | 38 | 114 | 49 | 15 |
| Circular Head | 7 | 20 | 7 | 21 | 10 | 24 | 31 | 7 |
| Deloraine | 1 | 6 | 11 | 42 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 7 |
| Devonport | 31 | 86 | 25 | 67 | 33 | 79 | 104 | 30 |
| Kentish | 1 | 3 | - | - | 2 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| King Island | 8 | 22 | 11 | 36 | - | - | 30 | 9 |
| Latrobe | 4 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 27 | 4 |
| Penguin | 3 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 34 | 29 | 8 |
| Ulverstone | 21 | 62 | 46 | 125 | 21 | 64 | 78 | 20 |
| Wynyard | 10 | 22 | 11 | 27 | 12 | 33 | 44 | 11 |
| Total North-West Division: | 126 | 358 | 146 | 416 | 141 | 380 | 417 | 1,16 |
| NORTH EASTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Beaconsfield (b) | 6 | 14 | 7 | 16 | 14 | 30 | 44 | 8 |
| Fingal | 3 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 2 |
| Flinders | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 42 | 3 | 2 |
| George Town | 12 | 29 | 12 | 31 | 5 | 12 | 34 | 8 |
| Lilydale (b) | 1 | 3 | - | - | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Portland | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 1 |
| Ringarooma | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Scottsdale | 11 | 31 | 13 | 38 | 10 | 23 | 26 | 5 |
| Total North-Eastern Division: | 37 | 95 | 41 | 109 | 52 | 133 | 137 | 30 |
| NORTH MIDLAND DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Evandale | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Longford | 14 | 40 | 20 | 53 | 8 | 24 | 88 | 26 |
| St. Leonards (b) | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Westbury (b) | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 9 | 20 |
| Total North-Midland Division: | 20 | 54 | 22 | 58 | 19 | 53 | 114 | 320 |
| MIDLAND DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Bothwell | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Campbell Town | 2 | 6 | - | - | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Hamilton | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Oatlands | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Ross | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Total Midland Division | 7 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 5 |
| SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton (c) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| Clarence (b) | 13 | 28 | 8 | 17 | 17 | 42 | 63 | 130 |
| Glamorgan | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 15 |
| Green Ponds (c) | - | - | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| Richmond (c) | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 15 |
| Sorell | 9 | 18 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 29 | 57 | 91 |
| Spring Bay | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 11 | 21 |
| Total South-Eastern Division: | 27 | 61 | 30 | 52 | 44 | 96 | 150 | 282 |
| SOUTHERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Bruny | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Esperance | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 29 |
| Huon | 6 | 13 | 7 | 25 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 55 |
| Kingborough (b) | 2 | 7 | 7 | 17 | 7 | 17 | 24 | 56 |
| New Norfolk | 16 | 51 | 22 | 49 | 8 | 23 | 43 | 110 |
| Port Cygnet | 4 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 13 |
| Tasman | 1 | 2 | (d)-1 | (d)-1 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 17 |
| Total Southern Division: | 32 | 88 | 44 | 112 | 26 | 71 | 114 | 281 |
| WESTERN DIVISION: | | | | | | | | |
| Gormanston | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Queenstown | 17 | 51 | 5 | 17 | - | - | 9 | 36 |
| Strahan | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Zeehan | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Total Western Division: | 17 | 51 | 5 | 17 | - | - | 10 | 38 |
| Total Country Divisions: | 266 | 727 | 290 | 768 | 287 | 745 | 962 | 2,440 |
| TOTAL TASMANIA: | 596 | 1,786 | 630 | 1,864 | 611 | 1,817 | 2,091 | 6,306 |

(a) Value when completed. (b) Country area only of this Municipality. (c) Building permits not issued in this Municipality. (d) One house previously commenced, now abandoned.
See definitions of terms used, page 6, paragraph 7.

4. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO TYPE.

| Particulars | | Brick, Concrete, etc. | | Wood | Prefab- ricated Wood | Fibro- Cement | Total |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|----------------------------|------------------|-------|
| | | Solid | Veneer | | | | |
| MARCH QUARTER, 1959. | | | | | | | |
| Commenced during quarter | Number | 69 | 90 | 459 | - | 12 | 630 |
| | % of Total Number | 10.9 | 14.3 | 72.9 | - | 1.9 | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 298 | 321 | 1,231 | - | 14 | 1,864 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 4,319 | 3,567 | 2,682 | - | 1,167 | 2,959 |
| Completed during quarter | Number | 57 | 99 | 434 | - | 21 | 611 |
| | % of Total Number | 9.3 | 16.2 | 71.1 | - | 3.4 | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 237 | 349 | 1,202 | - | 29 | 1,817 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 4,158 | 3,525 | 2,770 | - | 1,381 | 2,974 |
| Under construction at 31st March, 1959 | Number | 396 | 294 | 1,316 | - | 85 | 2,091 |
| | % of Total Number | 18.9 | 14.1 | 62.9 | - | 4.1 | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 1,557 | 1,055 | 3,574 | - | 120 | 6,306 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 3,932 | 3,588 | 2,853 | - | 1,412 | 3,016 |

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1958.

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| Commenced | Number | 62 | 92 | 410 | - | 20 | 584 |
| During | % of Total Number | 10.6 | 15.8 | 70.2 | - | 3.4 | 100.0 |
| Quarter | Value £'000 | 277 | 321 | 1,164 | - | 25 | 1,787 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 4,468 | 3,489 | 2,839 | - | 1,250 | 3,060 |
| Completed | Number | 69 | 74 | 389 | - | 32 | 564 |
| During | % of Total Number | 12.2 | 13.1 | 69.0 | - | 5.7 | 100.0 |
| Quarter | Value £'000 | 300 | 262 | 1,040 | - | 55 | 1,657 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 4,348 | 3,541 | 2,674 | - | 1,719 | 2,938 |
| Under Construction | Number | 384 | 303 | 1,291 | - | 94 | 2,072 |
| at 30th December, 1958 | % of Total Number | 18.5 | 14.6 | 62.4 | - | 4.5 | 100.0 |
| | Value £'000 | 1,486 | 1,085 | 3,541 | - | 135 | 6,247 |
| | Average Cost £ (a) | 3,870 | 3,581 | 2,743 | - | 1,436 | 3,015 |

(a) Average cost is obtained by dividing total number of houses commenced, completed and under construction into the total value of houses commenced, completed and under construction respectively, as stated by builders. As averages, they relate to houses of the size and standard commenced, completed and under construction in the relevant period, and cannot be regarded as indicative of the relative cost of erecting houses of a particular size, material or standard.

5. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS IN TASMANIA DURING MARCH QUARTER, 1959.

| Kind of Building | Hobart | | | Launceston | | | Rest of State | Total Tasmania | Percentage of Total |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|----------------|------------|----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | City | Sub-urbs | City & Suburbs | City | Sub-urbs | City & Suburbs | | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | % |
| Houses: | | | | | | | | | |
| Brick, Concrete, etc. - | | | | | | | | | |
| Solid | 76 | 54 | 130 | 26 | 12 | 38 | 114 | 282 | 8.7 |
| Veneer | 18 | 42 | 60 | 84 | 68 | 152 | 66 | 278 | 8.5 |
| Wood | 88 | 406 | 494 | 74 | 60 | 134 | 518 | 1,146 | 35.2 |
| Fibro-Cement | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 16 | 17 | 0.5 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Houses: | 183 | 502 | 685 | 184 | 140 | 324 | 714 | 1,723 | 52.9 |
| Flats | 46 | 4 | 50 | 27 | 1 | 28 | 5 | 83 | 2.5 |
| Shops | 33 | 11 | 44 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 36 | 92 | 2.8 |
| Hotels, Guest Houses | - | 28 | 28 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 60 | 1.8 |
| Office Premises | 65 | 1 | 66 | 12 | 2 | 14 | - | 80 | 2.5 |
| Other Business Premises | 36 | 13 | 49 | 23 | 1 | 24 | 65 | 138 | 4.2 |
| Factories | 19 | 106 | 125 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 76 | 212 | 6.5 |
| Clubs, Halls, Theatres | 3 | - | 3 | 5 | - | 5 | 11 | 19 | 0.6 |
| Educational Buildings | 172 | 69 | 241 | 33 | 5 | 38 | 142 | 421 | 12.9 |
| Religious Buildings | 1 | 5 | 6 | - | 5 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 0.6 |
| Health Buildings | 14 | - | 14 | 13 | - | 13 | 170 | 197 | 6.1 |
| Other New Buildings | 22 | 71 | 93 | 36 | - | 36 | 86 | 215 | 6.6 |
| Total Other Buildings | 411 | 308 | 719 | 181 | 26 | 207 | 610 | 1,536 | 47.1 |
| Total New Buildings | 594 | 810 | 1,404 | 365 | 166 | 531 | 1,324 | 3,259 | 100.0 |
| Percentage of Total | 18.2 | 24.9 | 43.1 | 11.2 | 5.1 | 16.3 | 40.6 | 100.0 | |

**6. PERSONS (a) ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF NEW BUILDINGS
IN TASMANIA AT 31ST MARCH, 1959.**

| Grade of Occupation | No. | Type of Occupation | No. | Work Engaged on | No. |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Contractors | 867 | Carpenters | 2,769 | New Buildings: | |
| Sub-Contractors | 637 | Bricklayers | 428 | Houses | 2,723 |
| Wage Earners | 4,218 | Painters | 407 | Flats | 163 |
| | | Electricians | 206 | Other New Buildings | 1,611 |
| | | Plumbers | 287 | Additions & Altera- | |
| | | Builders' Labourers | 1,016 | tions (b): | |
| | | Others | 609 | Houses | 329 |
| | | | | Flats | 32 |
| | | | | Other Buildings | 523 |
| | | | | Repairs & Maint- | |
| | | | | enance (b): | 341 |
| Total: | 5,722 | Total: | 5,722 | Total: | 5,722 |

(a) Includes estimate for persons working on owner-built jobs.

(b) Excludes principals and their employees engaged solely on alterations, additions and maintenance work.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED.

- Owner-Builder:** For the purpose of building statistics in this Bulletin, an owner-builder is a person who is actually building his own house or is having his house built under his own direction without the services of a contractor who is responsible for the whole job.
- Commenced:** A building is regarded as having been commenced when work on the foundation has begun. Owing to the difficulty of defining the exact point that this represents in building Operations, classifications made by Builders may not be entirely uniform.
- Completed:** A building is regarded as having been completed when the contractor has fulfilled the terms of the contract. As with commencements, the classifications made may not be entirely uniform.
- Under Construction:** A building under construction at the end of a period is so classified if work on it is proceeding.
- Employment:** The figures of employment relate to persons actually working on new buildings on a specified day. They include working principals, and their employees, men working as, or for, sub-contractors and men temporarily laid off on account of weather. In addition, they include some persons engaged on alterations, additions, renovations or repairs to buildings when these jobs are undertaken by a contractor who builds new buildings. Because of frequent movement between jobs and because some persons (e.g. electricians) may work on several jobs which are under construction simultaneously, some duplication may occur. The figures include estimates for persons working on owner-built houses.
- Values:** All values shown exclude the value of land and represent the estimated value of buildings on completion.
- Building Permits:** Figures relating to Building Permits include details of:
 - Permits issued by Local Governmental Authorities for the construction of private buildings.
 - Contracts let and day labour projects commenced by Governmental Authorities.
 - Private buildings reported to have been commenced in those municipalities which do not issue building permits.
- Explanatory Notes:** All figures in this bulletin relate to the operations of private contractors, Government Authorities and owner-builders.

Figures relate only to the operations of persons who build new buildings. Major new additions to existing buildings are included as new buildings. Minor additions, alterations, renovations and repairs to buildings are excluded, because of the difficulty in obtaining complete lists of persons who are engaged in those operations.

Figures for houses exclude converted military huts, flats, and shop dwellings. Some houses built on farms are excluded but these do not affect the figures materially.